

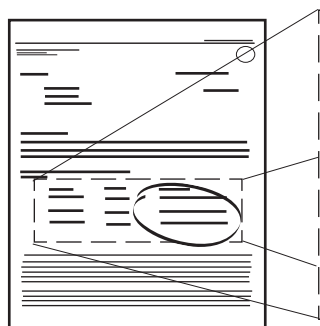
Disqualification Fact Sheet

Entitlement

This information sheet explains the reasons why a person might not be awarded a Cal Grant. Please refer to your Cal Grant Notification letter or your Application On-hold letter for the specific reason.

Why didn't I get an award?

Look on your Cal Grant Notification letter. Each Cal Grant program has requirements that a student must meet in order to be awarded a Cal Grant. Your Cal Grant Notification letter will have the specific reason that you were not awarded. Under 'REASON' listed in your letter, you will find a disqualification reason. Read below for a more detailed explanation of what those disqualification reasons mean.



Your Cal Grant award status is listed below:		
	STATUS	REASON
CAL GRANT A	NOT AWARDED	GPA BELOW MINIMUM
CAL GRANT B	NOT AWARDED	MINIMUM FINANCIAL NEED NOT MET

Reason:	What It Means:
School Not Eligible for Cal Grant A or B	-- Not all schools participate in all Cal Grant programs.
EL Greater than 4 (EL means year in college)	-- New Cal Grants are not offered to students beyond the college senior level.
Indication of Prior Bachelor's Degree	-- Awards cannot be offered to students with a bachelor's degree.
No California School Listed	-- Student must be attending a California college or university.
State of Legal Residence Not California	-- Student must be a California resident.
Not a California Resident at Time of Graduation	-- Student must be considered a California resident at the time of high school graduation.
Not a Recent High School Graduate	-- Entitlement awards are limited to students graduating high school July 1, 2006 and after.
Not Pursuing an Undergraduate Degree	-- Graduate level students cannot receive Cal Grant benefits.
GPA Below Minimum	-- Cal Grant A requires a minimum 3.00 high school GPA or minimum 2.40 college GPA; a minimum 2.00 GPA of any type is required for Cal Grant B.
Minimum Financial Need Not Met	-- Sufficient financial need was not demonstrated for an award at the first California college you listed on your FAFSA.
Reported Income over the Ceiling	-- Applicants whose family incomes were above the maximum income levels listed were not selected for an award.
Reported Assets over the Ceiling	-- Applicants whose family assets were above the maximum asset level were not selected for a Cal Grant award.

How can I make corrections?

If you believe the information used by the Commission was incorrect, review the information on this sheet, complete the enclosed 2008-09 Cal Grant Correction Form and return it to the Commission as soon as you can. If you have reviewed your information and are not making corrections to it, remember that just because you are not receiving a Cal Grant does not mean you aren't eligible to receive other financial aid! The Commission recommends that you contact the financial aid office at your school and ask about other aid you may receive. They may be able to assist you in identifying other sources of financial aid that are available to you, including federal and college grants, scholarships, loans and work-study opportunities.

What are the Entitlement Cal Grant Minimum Qualifications?

To qualify for a Cal Grant, an Entitlement Cal Grant recipient must: be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen (for example, has a Permanent Resident Card or I-551); be a California resident at the time of high school graduation; graduate high school on or after July 1, 2006; attend a qualifying California college; demonstrate financial need at the college; be in a program leading to an undergraduate degree or certificate; not have a bachelor's or professional degree before receiving a Cal Grant; not owe a refund on any state or federal educational grant; not be in default on a student loan; meet the GPA requirements; and fall below the income and asset ceilings listed below.

What are the 2008-09 Income Ceilings for the Cal Grant Programs?

For dependent students, the parents' *total taxable and non-taxable income is compared against the ceiling. For independent students, only the student's (and spouse's income if married) is compared.* The basic award amounts and eligibility criteria are subject to final authorization and change in the State Budget Act.

Cal Grant Income Ceilings

For dependent students and independent students with dependents other than a spouse:

Cal Grant A & C

\$68,700 for a family of two
\$70,300 for a family of three
\$76,400 for a family of four
\$81,900 for a family of five
\$88,300 for a family of six or more

Cal Grant B

\$32,100 for a family of two
\$36,100 for a family of three
\$40,200 for a family of four
\$44,900 for a family of five
\$48,500 for a family of six or more

Independent applicants with no dependents other than a spouse:

Cal Grant A, B & C

\$28,000 for single students
\$32,100 for married students (with no other dependents)
Income compared against the ceilings includes taxable and nontaxable income

What are the 2008-09 Asset Ceilings for the Cal Grant Programs?

For all Cal Grant programs, the asset ceilings are:

Dependent students or independent students with dependents other than a spouse - \$59,100
Single independent students and married students with no other dependents - \$28,100
Assets do not include equity for the primary family residence

What can I do now?

For this academic year, be sure to contact your campus financial aid office for more financial aid opportunities. If you just graduated from high school, you may be able to apply for a Cal Grant Entitlement award or a Transfer Entitlement award for next year. Be sure to apply again next year by March 2.

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